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- reduction and finally, elimination of power theft within a specified time frame.
- Strengthening/upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system by taking sub-station as a unit on a priority basis.

If the above appears unattainable in the existing set up, corporatization/cooperatization/privatization of the distribution would have to be undertaken.

Establishment of 100 MW Power Project at Amguri

2236. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal to establish a power project of 100 MW at Amguri based on supply of natural gas by the Petroleum Ministry; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure gas supply from Petroleum Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas have offered to allocate 0.50 MCMD of gas to Amguri Power Project of Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) from the overall existing allocation of gas to their various power plants. However, Assam Government have expressed its inability to accept the offer of re-allocation of gas from existing allocation to ASEB.

Pending Proposals of Power Projects in Assam

2237. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pending with Government for sanction and clearance for setting up of power projects in the state of Assam;

(b) at what stages those projects have been pending, project-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the clearance of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) As on 29.2.2000, one power project in Assam, RCE for Karbi Langpi (Lower Borpani) HEP (2x50 MW) with an estimated cost of Rs. 251.69 crore, was under examination in the Central Electricity Authority for accord of Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC).

The project was earlier to be implemented in the private sector. A fresh DPR for implementation of the project in State sector has been received from the Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) in December, 1999. The essential

inputs required for TEC like MOEF clearance, CWC clearance etc. are awaited. The project was originally approved by the Planning Commission in September, 1979 for Rs. 36.36 crores.

The Revised Cost Estimate of the scheme would be considered for accord of TEC by CEA as soon as the pending inputs are made available by ASEB.

Funds for Rural Electrification Programmes

2238. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds sanctioned and released for rural electrification programmes for the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government have fixed any target in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) State-wise details of funds sanctioned and disbursed for Rural Electrification Programme under Rural Electrification Corporation's schemes for the years 1997- 98, 1998-99 and funds sanctioned for 1999-2000 are at attached Statement-1 (*See below*).

(b) to (d) Planning Commission fixes targets for rural electrification programmes on annual basis. Year-wise and State-wise progress of village electrification during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan (1991 census) is given at attached Statement- II

Statement-I

Funds Sanctioned and Disbursed for Re-programme

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. States No.	1997-98		1998-99		1999- Sanc- tioned
	Sanc- tioned	Disburse- ment	Sanc- tioned	Disburse- ment	
1. Andhra Pradesh	4828	6094	19572	253	506149
2. Arunachal Pradesh	0	1174	0	662	211
3. Assam	0	0	0	82	0
4. Bihar	883.	147	0	0	0
5. Goa'	0	386	249	361	229
6. Gujarat	6065	3931	16461	31296	8448
7. Haryana	766	836	3460	2357	8404
8. Himachal Pradesh	2954	2060	5520	3041	1817